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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gray *et al.*

Application No.: 08/785,532

Filed: January 17, 1997

For: GENES FROM THE 20Q13
AMPLICON AND THEIR USES

Examiner: Minh-Tam B. Davis

Art Unit: 1642

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants submit this amendment in response to the Office Action dated October 16, 1998 in the above-captioned application. Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks that follow. A petition for a two month extension of time is attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 26 as follows.

26. (Thrice amended) A method of [screening for] detecting the presence or absence of neoplastic cells in a sample having an increased copy number of nucleic acid sequences at chromosome region 20q13.2, the method comprising:

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